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2020 Emergency Personal Free Use Firewood Authorization

Valid Through May 31, 2020

This letter authorizes up to 4 cords of Free Use Firewood to be harvested during the National Emergency Covid-19 Response. Print this letter and the attached maps at home, you do NOT need to go to your local Forest Service Office to obtain authorization for emergency firewood cutting. You must sign this letter and have it in your possession while cutting firewood.

By signing you agree to the following terms:

- 1) **Personal Free Use authorization only, not intended for commercial purposes, can NOT be resold.**
- 2) SEE ATTACHED MAPS - Down trees may be cut Forest-Wide EXCEPT in areas displayed on the attached maps. Cutting of standing dead trees is permitted in areas Designated as Dispersed Camping Areas, and within 100 feet of all open Forest Service roads, as shown on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).
- 3) **NO CUTTING – in ACTIVE Timber sales** including designated log decks, administrative sites which include campgrounds and picnic areas, the Black Elk Wilderness and the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve.
- 4) Approved spark arresters and/or mufflers are required on all power driven equipment.
- 5) You **CANNOT USE** motorized equipment like pickups, ATV's, farm tractors, skidders, skidsteer loaders, or front end loaders to skid, drag, load or process firewood.
- 6) When cutting standing dead trees stump height must be within 6 inches of the ground.
- 7) You can only drive motorized vehicles off existing roads in areas Designated as Dispersed Camping, please reference current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Vehicles parked along roads cannot block the flow of traffic.
- 8) All cutting slash must be scattered and lie within 18 inches of the ground. Do not pile slash in road ditches, off road driving surfaces or off cut slopes. IF CUTTING from an old log deck or pile (not designated for sale), slash is to be piled on top of the existing piles.
- 9) Firewood removed under this authorization must be less than 8 feet in length.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

